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For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING RETROVIRUS VECTOR FOR GENE THERAPY

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated August 23, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested.

IN THE TITLE

Amend the title wherever it appears to recite the following.

--Expression Vector Containing A Drug-Resistance Gene Having A Destabilizing

Sequence As Selection Marker.--

IN THE ABSTRACT

✓ Insert the attached Abstract in place of the originally-filed copy of the same.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows.

Cancel claims 8 and 9, without prejudice.